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House File 149

January 29, 1947.
Compensation of Public Officers.

By SLOANE and BURKMAN.

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section six hundred seven point five (607.5),
Code, 1946, relating to fees of jurors.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section six hundred seven point five (607.5),
2 Code, 1946, is amended by striking from line one (1) thereof
3 the word "Jurors" and substituting therefor the words "Petit
4 jurors".

1 Sec. 2. Section six hundred seven point five (607.5),
2 Code, 1946, is further amended by adding thereto the follow-
3 ing new subsection:
4 "Grand jurors shall receive for each day's service or
5 attendance; seven dollars (\$7.00), and for each mile traveled
6 in the performance of their duties, five cents (5c)."

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 149

Grand jurors as a rule are from the smaller towns and rural communities. Many of them are farmers. Actually they are required to pay more for farm help than the amount allowed them by statute for service as grand jurors. In the larger counties they are required to serve for several months. In Polk County the average service is six months of the year. The allowance now provided is wholly inadequate. The mileage they now receive is for one trip only, to the county seat and return. The fees for mileage are based on the ancient idea that grand jurors come to the county seat and remain there until their work is done. As a matter of fact, in these times grand jurors live at home and travel back and forth from the county seat. It is necessary that they do this, especially in the case of farmers.